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The Honorable André Bauer
President of the Senate
State House, 1st Floor, East Wing
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

I am hereby returning without my approval S. 547, R-39, an Act:

TO AMEND ACT 587 OF 1994, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE CHESTERFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERMS OF THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ADDED TO THE BOARD AND TO DELETE ARCHAIC LANGUAGE.

This veto is based on my belief that this bill is unconstitutional. S. 547, R-39 provides for the terms of new members of the Chesterfield County Board of Elections and Registration. As such, S. 547, R-39, affects only Chesterfield County and is, therefore, clearly an act for a specific county. Such acts are in violation of Article VIII, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, which provides that "[n]o laws for a specific county shall be enacted." Acts similar to S. 547, R-39 have been struck down by the South Carolina Supreme Court as violative of Article VIII, Section 7.

For this reason, I am returning S. 547, R-39 to you without my signature.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", written over a horizontal line.

Mark Sanford